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Serial No.: Not yet assigned Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Title: Helicobacter GHPO 1360 and GHPO 750 Polypeptides and Corresponding

Polynucleotide Molecules

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, which is being filed herewith, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, line 5.

This application is a continuation of, and claims priority from, U.S. Serial No. 08/831,310, which was filed on April 1, 1997.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 7, 8, and 10-39, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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